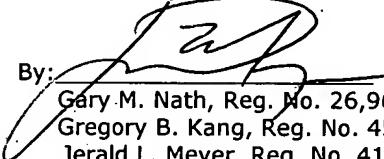


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Transmittal Letter To The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371		Attorney Docket No.: 27612U U.S. Application No.: Not Yet Assigned 10/58074
International Application No.: PCT/ES2005/000276	International Filing Date: May 18, 2005	Priority Date Claimed: May 19, 2004
Title of Invention: PROTECTIVE TUBE		
Applicants for DO/EO/US: RELATS, Jordi; RELATS, Pere; ARTOLA, Dolors; FRUNS, Anna; and Joaquim SALAS		
Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
ITEMS 11 to 20 BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:		
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter2 and 35 USC 1821 - 1825</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4)</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4)</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:</p> <p>1) TRANSMITTAL LETTER; APPLICATION DATA SHEET; INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION NUMBER: WO 2005/114804 A1, WITH THE PCT/ISA/210 (INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT); INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2005, IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE; ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION, WHICH CONSISTS OF 10 PAGES: 6 PAGES OF TEXTUAL SPECIFICATION, 2 PAGES OF 8 CLAIMS, 1 PAGE FOR THE ABSTRACT, AND 1 SHEET OF DRAWINGS; EXECUTED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY; 2 EXECUTED ASSIGNMENTS, WITH A RECORDATION COVER SHEET, IN FAVOR OF RELATS, S.A., OF CALDES DE MONTBUI - (BARCELONA) SPAIN; POSTCARD FOR THE EARLY NOTIFICATION OF THE SERIAL NUMBER REQUEST.</p>		

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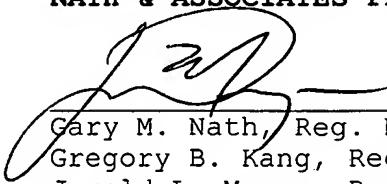
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